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SUBJ: EWG MEETING JAN 15

REF: A. STATE 012480

B. USNATO 0209

C. STATE 006485

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1. TEXT OF EWG DECISION SHEET (AC/281-DS(74)1)
PERTAINING TO JAN 15 CONSIDERATION OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE
PLANNING IS QUOTED BELOW. DECISION SHEET DOES NOT RPT NOT
SQUARE WITH COMPROMISE REACHED RUING JAN 15
MEETING (REFTEL B). MISSION WILL RECTIFY DISCREPANCIES WITH EWG
CHAIRMAN PANSA AND, IF NECESSARY, CLARIFY TERMS OF COMPROMISE
AT NEXT EWG MEEING. BEGIN TEXT:

III. BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENCE PLANNING

REFERENCES : DPC/D(73)30

DPC/D(73)35

PO/73/174

DOCUMENT: AC/281-WP(74)1

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3. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP:

(A) DISCUSSED THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PREPARATION
OF THE PROGRESS REPORT ON "BASIC ISSUES" AS SET

OUT IN THE WORKING PAPER AT REFERENCE, AND THE
RELATION BETWEEN THIS REPORT AND OTHER FORCE
PLANNING ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING THE
SAME PERIOD OF TIME;

(B) AGREED (1) THAT THE AD 70 REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED
TO MINISTERS AT THEIR SPRING 1974 MEETING SHOULD
BE ON A MORE LIMITED SCALE THAN ORIGINALLY
ENVISAGED (2) AND SHOULD COVER FORCE CAPABILITIES
BUT NOT SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES, ON WHICH SEPARATE
REPORTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MINISTERS;

(C) AGREED THAT THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE EXISTING
"BASIC ISSUES" (E.E. ARMOUR/ANTI-ARMOUR, AIRCRAFT
SURVIVABILITY AND WAR RESERVE STOCKS) SHOULD BE
MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AD 70 REPORT, PERHAPS
AS PART II OF THE SAME PAPER;

(3) AGREED TO CONSIDER THE PRECISE FORMAT OF THE
REPORT/REPORTS TO MINISTERS ON THESE SUBJECTS IN
THE LIGHT OF DRAFTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN DUE
COURSE BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON THE BASIS OF
INPUTS REQUESTED FROM VARIOUS AUTHORITIES;

(E) AS REGARDS THE OTHER ISSUES SUGGESTED FOR
STUDY BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(I.E. MOBILE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS, ELECTRONIC
COUNTERMEASURES, AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES AND
MODERN AIRCRAFT MUNITIONS) AGREED TO CONSIDER
THESE FURTHER IN THE LIGHT OF THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS DERIVED FROM THEIR
STUDY OF THE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE
RECENT CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST;

(F) AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT A FULL AD 70 STUDY, ON
THE LINES OF THE ONE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS IN
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JUNE 1973, SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN 1975.

END TEXT

2. AS REQUESTED IN REF C, D, AND E, MISSION IS STRIVING TO
MAINTAIN EWG ATTENTION ON BOTH AD-70 AND BASIC ISSUES PROGRAMS,
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON AREAS DEEMED CRITICAL BY US. THESE
AREAS INCLUDE THREE ORIGINAL BASIC ISSUES, THREE ADDITIONAL
BASIC ISSUES PROPOSED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND THREE MAJOR
SUPPORTING PROGRAMS CITED IN DPC/D(73)21. WE BELIEVE COMPROMISE
CITED IN REF B SUBSTANTIALLY MEETS US OBJECTIVES AND
REFLECTS MAXIMUM WORK PROGRAM EWG WILL ACCEPT.

3. REF A ASKS MISSION TO QUOTE TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO MOVE

EWG IN DESIRED DIRECTION. UNQUOTE. GIVEN FACT THAT ALLIES ARE INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO STUDY MORE AREAS, FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PERTAIN:

A. DOES WASHINGTON INTEND THAT MISSION PRESS EWG TO COVER IN 1974 AD-70 SPRING REPORT THOSE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS COVERED IN THE 1973 REPORT, BUT NOT MENTIONED IN COMPROMISE, SUCH AS PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING, CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, ETC?

B. DOES REF A IMPLY THAT EWG CONSIDERATION OF AD-70 PROGRAM HAS HIGHER PRIORITY IN US VIEW THAN CONTINUED CONSIDERAION OF BASIC ISSUES?

C. IF EWG IS UNABLE TO COVER EFFECTIVELY ENTIRE WORK PROGRAM DESIRED BY US, WHAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS ELEMENTS?

4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. RUMSFELD

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